

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (original). A method for providing text-to-speech conversion for an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

displaying a page of an electronic book on the viewer, the page including text;  
receiving a selection of text on the displayed page for conversion to speech; and  
converting at least a portion of the selected text into the corresponding speech.

Claim 2 (original). The method of claim 1, further including pausing the conversion of the text.

Claim 3 (original). The method of claim 2, further including resuming the conversion of the text.

Claim 4 (original). The method of claim 1, further including providing a definition, in speech form, of a word selected by a user within the text.

Claim 5 (original). The method of claim 1, further including permitting a user to adjust a rate of the conversion to the speech.

Claim 6 (original). The method of claim 1, further including permitting a user to select a particular type of voice for the corresponding speech.

Claim 7 (original). A method for providing text-to-speech conversion for an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

displaying a page of an electronic book on the viewer, the page including text;  
receiving a selection of text on the displayed page for conversion to speech; and

converting at least a portion of the selected text into corresponding speech, wherein the connecting steps comprises accessing an audio file corresponding to the selected text.

Claim 8 (original). A method for providing text-to-speech conversion for an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer, the page including text;
- receiving information relating to a text-to-speech function of the electronic book;
- converting at least of a portion the text on the displayed page into corresponding speech based upon the information; and
- automatically displaying a next page of the electronic book and converting at least a portion of text on the next page into corresponding speech.

Claim 9 (original). The method of claim 8, further including pausing the conversion of the text.

Claim 10 (original). The method of claim 9, further including resuming the conversion of the text.

Claim 11 (original). A method for providing text-to-speech conversion for an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer, the page including text;
- receiving information relating to a text-to-speech function of the electronic book;
- converting at least of a portion the text on the displayed page into corresponding speech based upon the information; and
- automatically converting at least a portion of text into corresponding speech on another page of the electronic book upon receiving a selection of another page.

Claim 12 (original). The method of claim 11, further including pausing the conversion of the text.

Claim 13 (original). The method of claim 12, further including resuming the conversion of the text.

Claim 14 (original). A method for receiving commands for executing functions related to an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer;
- receiving an audible command relating to a function of the electronic book;
- converting the audible command into a corresponding electronic signal; and
- executing the function in response to the electronic signal.

Claim 15 (original). The method of claim 14, wherein the receiving step includes receiving a turn page command.

Claim 16 (original). The method of claim 14, wherein the receiving step includes receiving an open book command.

Claim 17 (original). The method of claim 14, further including displaying an indication of available audible commands.

Claim 18 (withdrawn). A method for performing dictation into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer;
- providing a text insertion cursor for designating a text insertion point;
- receiving speech from a user;
- converting the speech into corresponding electronic text;
- displaying the text on the viewer; and
- inserting the text into the electronic book.

Claim 19 (withdrawn). The method of claim 18, wherein the inserting step includes inserting the text into the electronic book at a location identified by the user using the cursor.

Claim 20 (withdrawn). A method for restricting access to an electronic book for display on a viewer, comprising:

- storing an electronic book for display on a viewer;
- receiving an audible command from a user relating to a function of the electronic book;
- converting the audible command into a corresponding electronic signal; and
- providing authorization to execute commands from the user relating to the electronic book only if the electronic signal satisfies particular criteria.

Claim 21 (withdrawn). The method of claim 20, wherein the displaying step includes comparing the electronic signal to a stored electronic signal relating to the user.

Claim 22 (original). An apparatus for providing text-to-speech conversion for an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- a display that displays a page of an electronic book on a viewer, the page including text;
- a selection module that receives a selection of text on the displayed page for the conversion to speech; and
- a conversion module that converts at least of a portion of the selected text into corresponding speech.

Claim 23 (original). The apparatus of claim 22, further including a pause module that pauses the conversion of the text.

Claim 24 (original). The apparatus of claim 23, further including a resume module that resumes the conversion of the text.

Claim 25 (original). The apparatus of claim 22, further including a dictionary module that provides a definition, in speech form, of a word selected by a user within the text.

Claim 26 (original). The apparatus of claim 22, further including a rate module that permits a user to adjust a rate of the conversion to the speech.

Claim 27 (original). The apparatus of claim 22, further including a voice options module that permits a user to select a particular type of voice for the corresponding speech.

Claim 28 (original). An apparatus for providing text-to-speech conversion for an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- a display that displays a page of an electronic book on a viewer, the page including text;
- a selection module that receives a selection of text on the displayed page for the conversion to speech; and
- a conversion module that converts at least of a portion of the selected text into corresponding speech, wherein the conversion module includes an audio access module that accesses an audio file corresponding to the selected text.

Claim 29 (original). An apparatus for providing text-to-speech conversion for an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- a first conversion display that displays a page of an electronic book on a viewer, the page including text;
- a display module that receives information relating to a text-to-speech function of the electronic book;
- a second conversion module that converts at least of a portion the text on the displayed page into corresponding speech based upon the information;
- a module that automatically displays a next page of the electronic book; and
- a module that automatically converts at least a portion of text on the next page into corresponding speech.

Claim 30 (original). The apparatus of claim 29, further including a pause module that pauses the conversion of the text.

Claim 31 (original). The apparatus of claim 30, further including a resume module that resumes the conversion of the text.

Claim 32 (original). An apparatus for providing text-to-speech conversion for an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- a display that displays a page of an electronic book on a viewer, the page including text;
- a receive module that receives information relating to a text-to-speech function of the electronic book;
- a conversion module that converts at least of a portion the text on the displayed page into corresponding speech based upon the information; and
- a display module that automatically converts at least a portion of text into corresponding speech on another page of the electronic book upon receiving a selection of another page.

Claim 33 (original). The apparatus of claim 32, further including a pause module that pauses the conversion of the text.

Claim 34 (original). The apparatus of claim 33, further including a resume module that resumes the conversion of the text.

Claim 35 (withdrawn). An apparatus for receiving commands for executing functions related to an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- a display that displays a page of an electronic book on a viewer;
- a receive module that receives an audible command relating to a function of the electronic book;
- a conversion module that converts the audible command into a corresponding electronic signal; and
- an execute module that executes the function in response to the electronic signal.

Claim 36 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the receive module includes a page turn module that receives a turn page command.

Claim 37 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the receive module includes an open book module that receives an open book command.

Claim 38 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 35, further including a display commands module that displays an indication of available audible commands.

Claim 39 (withdrawn). An apparatus for performing dictation into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

- a display that displays a page of an electronic book on a viewer;
- a receive module that receives speech from a user;
- a commands module that converts the speech into corresponding electronic text; and
- an insertion module that inserts the text into the electronic book.

Claim 40 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the insertion module includes an insertion point module that inserts the text into the electronic book at a location identified by the user.

Claim 41 (withdrawn). An apparatus for restricting access to an electronic book for display on a viewer, comprising:

- a store module that stores an electronic book for display on a viewer;
- a receive module that receives an audible command from a user relating to a function of the electronic book;
- a conversion module that converts the audible command into a corresponding electronic signal; and
- an authorization module that provides authorization to execute commands from the user relating to the electronic book only if the electronic signal satisfies particular criteria.

Claim 42 (withdrawn). The apparatus of claim 41, further comprising a display module, wherein the display module includes a compare module that compares the electronic signal to a stored electronic signal relating to the user.

Claim 43 (original). A method for electronically displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer and permitting a user to request a text-to-speech function, comprising:

- displaying a screen on a viewer;

displaying within the screen a page of an electronic book, the page including text;  
permitting a user to identify at least a portion of the text displayed within the screen; and  
displaying a section within the screen for permitting the user to request a text-to-speech conversion of the identified text.

Claim 44 (original). The method of claim 43, further including displaying a section for permitting a user to request a definition, in speech form, of a word identified in the text.

Claim 45 (original). The method of claim 43, further including displaying a section for permitting a user to request that the text-to-speech conversion be paused.

Claim 46 (original). The method of claim 45, further including displaying a section for permitting a user to request that the text-to-speech conversion be resumed.

Claim 47 (original). The method of claim 43, further comprising displaying an image on the screen after the text-to-speech conversion begins.

Claim 48 (original). The method of claim 47, wherein the image is one of a JPEG file and a MPEG 2 file.

Claim 49 (original). The method of claim 43, further comprising adjusting a rate of text-to-speech audible response based on a command received by the user.

Claim 50 (original). The method of claim 43, further comprising:  
converting an electronic book menu system text to speech;  
providing menu navigation prompts as audible signals; and  
receiving audible commands from the user based on the received prompts.

Claim 51 (original). A screen for use in electronically displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer and permitting a user to request a text-to-speech function, comprising:  
a screen for display on a viewer;



a section within the screen for displaying a page of an electronic book, the page including text and the section permitting a user to identify at least a portion of the text displayed within the screen; and

a convert section within the screen for permitting the user to request a text-to-speech conversion of the identified text.

Claim 52 (original). The screen of claim 51, further including a define section for permitting a user to request a definition, in speech form, of a word identified in the text.

Claim 53 (original). The screen of claim 51, further including a pause section for permitting a user to request that the text-to-speech conversion be paused.

Claim 54 (original). The screen of claim 53, further including a resume section for permitting a user to request that the text-to-speech conversion be resumed.

Claim 55 (withdrawn). A method for electronically displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer and permitting a user to request a speech-to-text function, comprising:

displaying a screen on a viewer;

displaying within the screen a page of an electronic book; and

displaying a section within the screen for permitting a user to request a speech-to-text conversion for insertion of text into the displayed page of the electronic book.

Claim 56 (withdrawn). The method of claim 55, further including displaying a section within the screen for the user to request an end to the speech-to-text conversion.

Claim 57 (withdrawn). A screen for use in electronically displaying a page of an electronic book on a viewer and permitting a user to request a speech-to-text function, comprising:

a screen for display on a viewer;

a section within the screen for displaying a page of an electronic book; and

a begin dictation section within the screen for permitting a user to request a speech-to-text conversion for insertion of text into the displayed page of the electronic book.

Claim 58 (withdrawn). The screen of claim 57, further including an end dictation section within the screen for the user to request an end to the speech-to-text conversion.